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1. IN AN EDITORIAL MARCH 24TH, THE DAILY TIMES AFTER REVIEWING THE FAILURE OF SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S PEACE MISSION COMMENTED IN PART; "THE COLLAPSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WAS A BLOW TO UNITED STATES

INFLUENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND GAVE THE SOVIET UNION AN OPPORTUNITY TO REASSERT ITSELF."

2. "MOSCOW, LARGELY FROZEN OUT BY DR. KISSINGER'S ONE-MAN DIPLOMACY, HAS BEEN INSISTING THAT A GENEVA CONFERENCE IS THE FORUM FOR ALL QUESTIONS RELATED TO PEACE.

ALTHOUGH IT WOULD APPEAR THAT DR. KISSINGER'S LATEST MISSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAS NOT BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN SOLVING THE NOW OVERDUE TENSION IN THAT REGION, WE, HOWEVER, BELIEVE THAT THERE IS STILL ROOM IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOR A ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE. THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HAS ALREADY BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE A LOT IN THE MIDDLE EAST SINCE HE STARTED HIS PEACE MISSIONS IN THE REGION, AND IN ANY FURTHER PEACE MISSIONS, DR. KISSINGER NEEDS THE SUPPORT AND COOPERATION OF ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED."

3. "IT IS QUITE EVIDENT FROM PAST EXPERIENCES THAT FORCE CANNOT SOLVE THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, BECAUSE WAR HAS NEVER BEEN ABLE TO SOLVE ANY PROBLEM. ARMED CONFRONTATION ONLY LEADS TO MASS SUFFERING OF INNOCENT PEOPLE AND IN A REGION LIKE THE MIDDLE EAST ANY NEW OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE THE MAJOR POWERS, WITH

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THE REST OF THE WORLD FEELING ITS CONSEQUENCES.

THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM HAS HAUNTED THE WORLD FOR A LONG TIME NOW
AND BOTH RICH AND DEVELOPING NATIONS HAVE FELT THE PINCH OF THE
PROBLEM. INNOCENT COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO THE WAR BY HAVING
BEEN BRANDED OF TAKING THIS OR THAT SIDE AND PEACE IS HARDLY A FEELIN
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THAT LASTS LONG."
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